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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

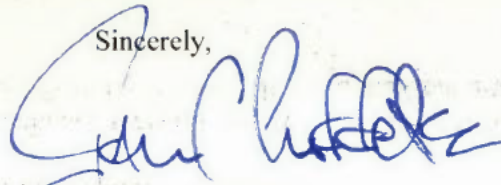
The Committee is investigating the promulgation of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule,¹ which defines the scope of waters subject to the Clean Water Act. Pursuant to the investigation, the Committee has obtained documents and testimony from several witnesses at the Corps and EPA, and the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. The Committee has also held several hearings on this topic.

To assist the Committee's investigation, we require testimony from Mr. John Goodin, the acting Assistant Administrator of the Wetlands Division in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds in the Agency's Office of Water. We request he appear within the next two weeks for a transcribed interview to answer questions about the promulgation of the WOTUS rule. It may also be necessary to interview additional witnesses for this matter.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pursuant to House Rule X, the Committee has authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time."

We look forward to speaking with your staff soon to schedule this interview. The Committee staff contact for this request is Christina Aizcorbe, and she can be reached at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

¹ Clean Water Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States," 80 Fed Reg. 37,054 (June 29, 2015).